

Water and Water Reclamation (Wastewater) Capitalization Fees

The City of Post Falls charges water and water reclamation (wastewater) capitalization fees associated with building permits. Capitalization fees are established based on the replacement value of the existing systems. Capitalization revenue is used to replace capacity within the established systems.

Water capacity fees are determined based upon the service line size to the facility. Wastewater capitalization fees are set at a rate per 5,000 gallons of peak monthly wastewater discharge. These 5,000 gallons are referred to as a Service Unit (SU) and equvalate to the typical discharge from a single-family residence.

For commercial and industrial users, wastewater discharges are typically greater than 1 SU. For building permits, the discharge flows are estimated using historical data from similar users to establish the number of SU's to be charged. Flows are then monitored to determine actual flows, using monthly water meter records. Commercial and industrial users are required to install irrigation meters, so that irrigation use is not factored into the monthly wastewater calculations. Over time, SU charges are adjusted either with increased charges for flows higher than originally estimated, or a credit is provided for users that do not use the full monthly peak SU's that were charged for the facility.

Once paid, a capitalization fee remains with the property for which it is purchased. As new uses are established for a property, the existing paid fees are taken into account when determining whether revised fees would be required. This review would come with any remodel or change of use for a property.

FAQ

How are capacity fees used?

Capacity fees are used to finance new capital projects to replace capacity within the water and water reclamation systems.

Does a capacity fee cover the cost of installation?

No, a capacity fee only purchases capacity within the existing system. Funding the installation of a connection to that system is the responsibility of the property owner.

Can I transfer my existing capacity fee to a new location?

No, a capacity fee remains tied to the property.

How often are capacity fees changed?

Capacity fees are updated annually as part of the City's fee schedule review.

Fee Schedule

Water Cap Fees:

1. Residential (3/4" – 1" Service Line)	\$2,840.29
2. Commercial (1" Service Line)	\$4,733.82
3. Commercial (1 1/2" Service Line)	\$9,467.65
4. Commercial (2" Service Line)	\$15,148.24
5. Commercial (3" Service Line)	\$30,296.47
6. Commercial (4" Service Line)	\$47,338.24
7. Commercial (6" Service Line)	\$94,676.48

Wastewater Cap Fees:

1. Residential (Single Family – 5000 gals)	\$4,822.00
2. Commercial/Industrial per SU	\$4,822.00 (*See Note)

*(*Note - \$4,822.00 minimum plus an additional \$4,822.00 for each 5000 gallons of reclaimed water flow based upon water consumption, above the first 5000 gallons per month.)*

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